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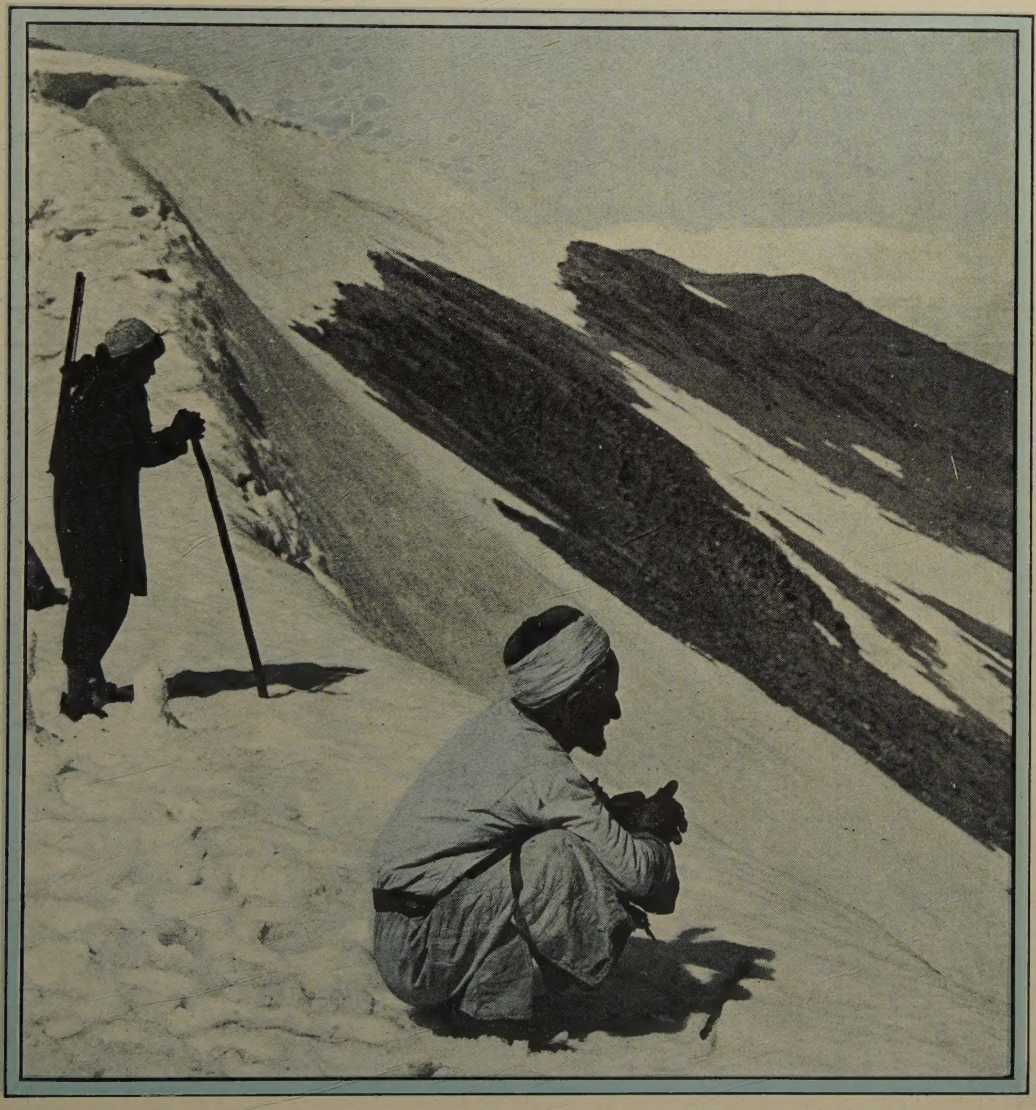

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The Picture on the Cover

"Horeb the Mount of God"

THE picture represents the snow-clad summit of Mount Horeb, the peak of the Sinaitic range, over 9000 feet high. Here God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave to him the Ten Commandments. Thither also Elijah came after his 40 day's fasting journey to escape from Ahab and Jezebel.

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Resolution

By the Church of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ throughout the World

Anno Domini: 1919

Whereas: as at this time our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ "came into the world to save sinners", and

Whereas: nineteen hundred and nineteen years ago Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ gave a Commission to his Church in these words: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and

Whereas: the population of the world is approximately 1,500,000,000;

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That the Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ throughout the world proceed at once to carry out this Commission on a scale commensurate with these facts; and

Be it Further Resolved: that the foregoing Resolution be spread upon the Heart and Conscience of Every Member of the Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Are You Ready for the Question?"

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A FERTILE LAND BUT UNTILLED

A TYPICAL SCENE IN BIBLE LANDS, THE SAME TODAY AS WHEN ABRAHAM AND HIS TRIBE DWELT IN THE WILDERNESS EAST OF THE DEAD SEA 4,000 YEARS AGO. THE MODERN SUCCESSOR OF ABRAHAM IS A "WALKING ARSENAL" NOT A PRODUCER. HE MUST GIVE PLACE TO THE MAN WITH THE HOE IF THE NEAR EAST IS AGAIN TO BECOME A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY.

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Paste It Down!

WHEN you turn over a new leaf, as you may this New Year, paste it down! It won't do much good to re-read the old page. It recalls many thoughts, words, deeds better forgotten. Besides, it recalls the old temptations that were yielded to and whose record stained the old leaf. Perhaps a sort of loose-leaf spiritual ledger would be a better investment for 1919. As each day's record is made, tear it out and resolve to write a better one next day. We have Apostolic precedent for this: to forget "those things which are behind." Most of them are handicaps and impedimenta. All that is worth while in the experiences of the past you can carry under your hat and in your heart. When you can do this it is good evidence that they have become part and parcel of yourself.

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"Carried Forward"

THIS is a familiar heading of every day's ledger account. It represents both assets and liabilities. Many a liability is carried forward on a ledger that the bookkeeper hopes may turn into an asset. Thus, it may be, God carries us forward from day to day and year to year in hope! But there are many "bad debts" that ought not to be "carried forward" on our spiritual ledgers: bad habits of thought, speech and act; bad tempers; ancient grudges; unreasonable prejudices; jealousies, and the like. They are liabilities and handicaps. But friendships, enthusiasms, generosities, and so forth, are assets that ought to be "carried forward." They will draw interest and pay dividends as the years go by.

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New Eras

NEW eras, so called, come into being because people change their ideals, opinions, methods. This process is very like to that which takes place when an individual undergoes the moral transformation known as conversion. He changes his spiritual center of gravity, so to speak, and leaves his old self behind on the lower levels while his new self seeks the uplands. His future acts automatically and inevitably become different because he is different. He cannot do the old things so long as he maintains his changed attitude. It is the changed man who creates every new era. It is new because he has put on "the new man," as St. Paul calls it. Once let every layman of the Christian Church become really and truly renewed in the spirit of his mind and we shall inevitably see the new era ushered in. It cannot come otherwise. It lies dormant in the present. Wherefore it behooves all of us, as we stand on the threshold of a new year to search our hearts and summon forth the new spirit within us to create and usher in the new era.

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Reconstruction

WORLD - RECONSTRUCTION, vast as such a program appears to be, is within the powers of human capacity if it be undertaken in the right spirit. It will include vast geographical and political changes. But its accomplishment rests upon a simple foundation. Those who undertake it must begin with themselves. The world is what we make it. It is but the material realization of what we are spiritually. It is the external projection of humanity. A changed world will be due, not to a series of new laws, but to a new order of human beings. This is where reconstruction touches every one of us individually. Jesus Christ was the "new man" and that is why his laws are the laws of the "new heaven and the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." As we become like him so will the old world become new.

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The Sacred Past

IN ancient Armenia is the legendary site of the Garden of Eden, the fruit of whose forbidden tree, as Milton says, "brought sin into this world and all

our woe." On the snow-capped crest of Ararat rested the Ark, while over it glowed the irridescent rays of the rainbow of the Eternal Promise.

On the road to Damascus, the capital of ancient Syria, Saul the persecuting Pharisee, became the great missionary Apostle, to whom ultimately America owes her Christianity.

Over the holy fields of Palestine "walked those blessed feet which centuries ago were nailed for our advantage on the bitter cross."

Armenia, Syria, Palestine after centuries of martyrdom, now see the dawning of a new era, rich in hope of final deliverance from Turkish oppression and cruelty. Their 4,000,000 survivors—men, women and children—are today the "saving remnant" of the Christian democracy of the Near East. They are starving, but they are worth saving. America can rescue them if she acts at once.

The American Committee for Relief in the Near East urgently asks the Christians of America to give prompt and generous help to their fellow-Christians in these Bible Lands. They have "fought a good fight" and they have "kept the faith." Let us help them in their last stand for life and liberty.

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The Cradle of Civilization

ASIA MINOR was the Cradle of Civilization, and is the junction of the three great continents of Europe, Asia and Africa—the link between the East and the West. There the moral law was first declared, and there the Golden Rule was demonstrated as the standard of all human relations. It is today the homeland of races which have been true to these teachings for centuries, despite persecution and massacre. There also these races are struggling to realize the great principles of democracy in civil government. These enlightened races—Armenians, Syrians and Greeks—form 60 per cent. of the population, but have been held in bondage by an ignorant and cruel minority, have been massacred and starved to death. It is the work of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East to save these suffering peoples from starvation until their repatriation can be accomplished. That's what the $30,000,000 will help to do.

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Big Things at Stake

BIG things at stake require big things to be done. There are 4,000,000 human lives at stake in the Near East. These lives are the hope of the future of that land. They are the saving remnant of peoples that need only food to make them the masters of their fate. The old order of oppression, cruelty and massacre in Asia Minor is at an end. The new era of freedom and liberty has dawned. Now is the critical time in the history of these peoples. If they are saved now they can rehabilitate their country, establish freedom and secure their industrial supremacy. These things are just within their grasp, after centuries of hope deferred. Help given now will mean ultimate victory. The help needed is food to save these millions from starvation and death and for future usefulness. Five dollars given now will prolong one life for a month. Sixty dollars given now will save one life for a whole year. America has never been defeated in any campaign upon which she has entered. This life-saving campaign is her work. Won't you make it yours?

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The Cry of the Children

A CHILD'S cry of pain takes instant and irresistible precedence over every other call of suffering that can come to a man. Multiply 1 by 400,000 and you will begin to realize the extent of the tragedy of helpless childhood in Armenia and Syria. Thousands of childish cries for help are daily being stilled by death, over there.

Can you still the voice of your conscience while such things are happening to little children by the thousand every day there? Can you stay your hand when you know that the pitiful dole of even 17 cents a day will stop one such cry, and that $60 will sustain one such life for a whole year? The Committee for Relief in the Near East is simply the organization to do the work of relieving the sufferings of these stricken peoples. You can be the Good Samaritans who will supply the means of stopping the cries of helpless childhood.

Why East is East

TYLER DENNETT well says: "A Christian civilization is dependent upon a sound economic structure." That is one reason why "East is East and West is West." Eastern civilization has no proper economic foundation. It lives from hand to mouth. The East is underfed, has no stable government, no political coherence and no national morale. These lacks have bred the fatalism that lies like a pall over it. Not until the Christian conception of the worth and dignity of human life is realized there will the native populations demand that economic development upon which an enduring civilization can rest. Men like Sam Higginbottom in India are the type now most needed. This great missionary is helping to make India self-supporting. He is trying to make a fit tenement for the soul of India, realizing that to call it forth before it can be properly housed, is to defeat the divine purpose. Home rule will come in India when there is a fitting home for the soul to rule.

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The True Ritual of Religion

THERE is no word in the New Testament for religion. There are words for reverence and for worship but none for religion. The New Testament is concerned with reinterpreting religion in terms of practical helpfulness. The Pharisees mistook religious observances for religion, and our Lord told them that religious observances might be kept up with grave solemnity by terribly cruel men able to devour a widow's house at a meal! And he leaves us to infer that the Good Samaritan was a better man than the Priest who passed by on the other side leaving the wounded man to welter in his blood (Luke 10:25-37). His fullest description of hell is of a hard and selfish rich man suffering its tortures—a man who doubtless kept with punctilious scrupulosity his daily ritual while a sick man died unattended at his gate. How different the spirit of that Pope who issued a bull excommunicating himself when he learned that a man had starved to death in Rome while he was in the papal chair!

Lazarus is again at the gate of Christendom in the person of Jews, Greeks, Syrian and Armenian Christians who have survived the Turkish massacres. And the Apostle James reminds us (James 1:26, 7) that active kindness to widows and orphans is not only the true ritual of religion but is also the sure way of keeping ourselves free from the taint of worldliness. It is Jesus himself who tells us that a life of selfish indulgence in the presence of unrelieved want leads to hell.

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Should Christians Make Fortunes?

THIS was the subject of a discussion in a recent ministers' meeting. It precipitated other questions: What is fortune? What is meant by "make"? Who else should make fortunes if not Christians? Are they not likeliest to make a proper use of them?

It is interesting to note that a book was published in England in 1906 with the title "Should Christians Make Fortunes?" The author is J. P. Gledstone and Headley Brothers (London) are the publishers. Mr. Gledstone sees that his question will be judged preposterous, absurd, open to no manner of doubt, by some, while others will have misgivings, and others still will agree with John Wesley who said that fortune-making is as much condemned by our Lord as lying and stealing. Accordingly he goes with his question to the New Testament and patiently works his way through from Matthew to Revelation seeking for an answer. His discussion is symptomatic of the new spirit of inquiry concerning the applicability of Christian standards to the life of a money-making age. His general attitude may be indicated by this quotation from the last chapter: "When business becomes a pursuit, pleasure becomes a relief from its cares, ostentation and luxury an exhibition of its wealth, and place, title, and power its ultimate reward" (p. 126). And here is his final sentence: "There is a motive presented in the Gospel which can exalt and purify all work, whether it be that of the intellect or that of the hand, 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God'."

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The Almighty's Dollar

THE stewardship idea is rapidly converting the almighty dollar into the Almighty's dollar. As such, it has an unlimited purchasing power and buys

things that possess eternal values that do not fluctuate. But the stewardship idea is also converting men, which is far better. Among the war's assets has been the "dollar-a-day" captain of industry who has given service and sacrifice of untold value to the country and the cause of world-freedom and has gained for himself not merely applause but a new conception of the use of his talents. If we can enlist these men in the biggest business in the world—the winning of the world for Christ—America will go forth conquering and to conquer.

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Partners

THE four Liberty Loan campaigns have made about 25,000,000 individuals real partners in the government of the United States. Every owner of a $50 bond has a definite stake in the country's future. He and Uncle Sam are shareholders in a great business, stewards of its assets and directors of its enterprises. Fifty dollars, or any multiple thereof, has helped to do a multitude of definite things for this country and the world. It was used either to buy 1,000 bullets—needed to defend our liberty—or two miles of bandages for our wounded heroes. But these definite sums bought definite things that the purchaser could visualize and realize his ownership therein. Why not apply this same psychology to the business of church and missionary finance? Why not ask the church treasurer or the mission board secretary: "What definite thing can I buy with $50 or $100 or $500 or $1,000, that will, so to speak, be my personal investment in good works?" Any one of these sums will finance some definite piece of work and tie its purchaser up personally with his investment. Just giving $50 to the "general" church or missionary treasury lacks that element of definiteness that gives distinction to the transaction. But the giving of $50 or more to outfit a particular colporteur or help pay the salary of a native helper gives one a sense of partnership that yields genuine satisfaction and fixes one's interest in a definite place on the missionary map and on a definite piece of work there. Besides, the man who gives "over here" will get into touch with the man "over there" in a personal way.

A New Business Creed

AT Atlantic City the United States Chamber of Commerce recently put forth a new Business Creed that marked an advance on any heretofore formulated. It proclaimed a co-partnership in American industry in which employer, employee and the people are to have an equal share. This was at once a Confession of Failure—in previous and separatist plans, and a Confession of Faith—in future and mutual understandings. Unrestricted and unregulated competition is giving place to cooperation. Such a Confession of Failure has been good for the soul of industry, but such a Confession of Faith must be lived up to in good faith all around. The significance of this movement is its spontaneity. It was not forced. It came as the logical result of the benefits of cooperation as demonstrated by the necessities of a world-war to make men free and to make them brothers.

The principal clauses of this new Business Creed are:

Industrial enterprises should be conducted with a view to the greatest opportunity for all concerned.

Regularity of employment must be striven for.

The right of workers to organize to be admitted and collective bargaining to be conceded.

Impartial agencies must be set up to interpret and apply agreements and to make prompt and authoritative settlements of difference.

The right of all workers to a minimum living wage is declared.

High wages and national prosperity go hand in hand. Therefore, whenever the volume of business declines the last item of expense to be reduced should be wages.

A standardized and established wage should represent a standardized measure of performance.

In all plants where the number of workers is large a responsible executive should be charged with the superintendence of relations between the workers and the management.

Big Business, in the above, is starting the New Year well. These are proposals that will command general approbation from the public. Two partners are agreed. What will the third partner say?

What Is a Man Worth?

THE value of the average individual is probably $1,000—sometimes more, sometimes less. If the individual is worthy, he will support himself. If worthy, but unable to work, the community looks after him. There are 4,000,000 Armenians, Syrians and Greeks in Asia Minor who are most worthy, willing and competent to support themselves, but unable to do so, because deported from their homes and business. America is their only hope. If they are saved now, they will be the future saviours of their country when it is restored to them. It will cost $30,000,000 just to keep these peoples alive this winter.

The sum of $60 represents the salvage of one useful human being in the Near East from the scrap heap. Would you refuse to spend this small sum for the upkeep of a machine worth, say, $1.000? How much better than any machine is a man! If an average man is worth $1,000 and it will cost but $60 to save him, then $1,000—$60 equals a net gain of $940, quite a respectable "return over cost," to say nothing of some capital for future use.

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The Lost Nickel

THE nickel, as a standard of value, has gone for ever. One can hardly buy anything with it—save a subway ticket, in New York, and that rare privilege may soon be lost. Where has the nickel gone? "Ask the church treasurer—he knows"! This official probably counts more nickels than anyone else nowadays. Church people seem to be the only ones who stick to the nickel and they only part with it when the collection plate is passed and then drop it covertly. No other business recognizes the nickel as a standard of business or a medium of exchange. Why should the biggest business in the world cling to the nickel? Why not "pass up" the nickel when the plate is passed?

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"Search Me!"

THIS colloquialism is supposed to express the utmost in know-nothingism. But how many of us who use it so frequently would be willing to be taken at our word? Strange and incongruous as it may seem, the phrase is really Scriptural: "Search me, O God," said David (Psalm 139:23), "and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Under such a scrutiny our flippancy shrivels into the silence, not of know-nothingism, but of conscience-stricken revelation. And under such a scrutiny what would become of our financial reticence, known only to ourselves, our banker, and our God? How many "unjust stewards" would it disclose?

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The Lowest Depth

AGAIN the saloon has given evidence of its conscienceless depravity. The school children of Passaic, N. J., have been debauched by its vile, law-breaking representatives in that town. The offenders have been let off with paltry fines and a scold from the bench, whereas they deserve to be shot. But their conduct is only another evidence of the truth of the proverb: "Those whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." Saloon keepers and bartenders who knowingly sell liquor to minors should have their licenses forfeited and their shops closed. But since the courts not only refuse to make them obey the law but condone the breaking of it, the public is going to take a hand in the business and abolish it altogether.

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Nick-Names

WE are glad to see that a judge of one of our courts the other day uttered an extra-judicial ruling that the use, by counsel and witnesses, of such nick-names as "wop" and "kike," to describe Italians and Hebrews, would be barred in his court in future. Sometimes a nick-name is a tribute of regard, even of respect, but "wop" and "kike" are the reverse. Besides, the vernacular is out of place in the courts which represent the official power and dignity of the state. And the use of these and similar terms of reproach tend to accentuate those racial and religious differences which we are trying to fuse in the melting pot. We are all too inclined to accept and use the

popular lingo of the streets which, too often is but a mixture of ignorance and prejudice.

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Missionary Education

IT took three years to educate the American people to realize, as a nation, the issues involved in the great war. It took a tremendous burst of the most intensive and effective publicity to put over the Fourth Liberty Loan. But America once convinced, became the determining factor that has practically won the war. And America, awakened by the fiery crusade of Liberty Loan propaganda, shouldered a staggering load, and has got her second wind for every succeeding campaign of giving.

The secret of these two tremendous accomplishments has been intelligent education as to needs and possibilities. Whatever its faults and limitations modern advertising is educational in conception and execution. It is rapidly becoming a science and less of a guess, a profession not a trade. "The world makes way for the man who knows," and the man who knows, in the advertising business, must have the ability to convince other people by reason of his knowledge. But every convert, in turn, becomes a booster for what he finds useful and necessary.

The same psychology holds true in the field of missionary propaganda. It must be based on knowledge and propagated by the man who knows. And when the man-on-the-inside makes the man-on-the-outside a partner in his knowledge, he has won not merely a convert, but a propagandist for the cause.

The Missionary Review of the World says: "The Missionary Education Movement holds a unique strategic position in the field of missionary propaganda. It combines the brains and heart of all the Protestant Mission Boards of the United States and Canada. It finds writers qualified to teach the millions who are studying missionary problems, and these writers distribute broadcast the inside knowledge that is the possession of the few at headquarters and at the front. The study books prepared by these writers focus attention on the details of the largest and smallest field; magnify them so that all may see them in their proper relation to the whole; multiply the number of observers, and reflect the light and warm of prayerful enthusiasm to individuals and in all directions."

The Missionary Education Movement is the powerhouse of the missionary propaganda of the world, the "central" of its spiritual wireless; the clearing-house of its ideals and plans and methods. Every mission board regards its continued existence and expansion as vitally necessary to every denominational enterprise.

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"As Much For Christ as For War"

THE recent combined drive of the United War Work Campaign raised over $200,000,000 to take care of an army of 4,000,000 men. It was a wonderful outpouring of generosity. But what will it cost to look after a multitude of 1,500,000,000, which represents the estimated population of the world for which Christ died. That is the Church's job! Several of our churches in America have sensed the size of the problem. The Methodists are appealing for $80,000,000 and the Presbyterians for $75,000,000—a total of $155,000,000. But what is even this vast sum among so many? At least it gives point to Bishop Henderson's clarion call: "As much for Christ as for War"! Are we "ready for the question?"

Relief for the Near East

ON Sunday, January 12th, 1919, the campaign to raise $30,000,000 for relief in the Near East—whose needs are depicted by pen and picture in the succeeding pages—will begin. It will continue until the goal is reached. Dig down and dig deep, for the need is vast and the time is short!

Thirty Million Dollars

And What Will Be Done With Them

By James L. Barton

CAREFULLY prepared estimates based on reports that have come to the American Committee from every part of the Near East in which work is carried on, show that there are 3,950,000 destitute refugees, a large proportion of them in exile. The capitulation of Turkey has made accessible to the Committee this great mass of suffering humanity.

Three Million Refugees

At the present time the Red Cross has taken over responsibility for a large part of Syria and Palestine, thus reducing the number of the extremely destitute depending immediately upon this committee by 1,050,000. This leaves absolutely dependent upon the work of the relief measures for the American Committee for Relief in the Near East a total of 2,900,000, all accessible, all in desperate need. Of this number, the best estimate obtainable indicates 400,000 orphans without fathers; some with living mothers but with no means of support.

The same estimate based upon the most reliable information obtainable from Consular and relief agents' reports, show that 1,770,000 of these destitute sufferers

URUMIA GRAIN MARKET, PERSIA
The Committee buys its wheat here

A TYPICAL REFUGEE CAMP

are away from their homes, having been driven out by the authorities, many of whom are in Arabia, Mesopotamia, Syria, Persia, the Caucasus and Siberia, while there are large numbers who have been sent to remote districts within the Turkish Empire.

Reconstruction

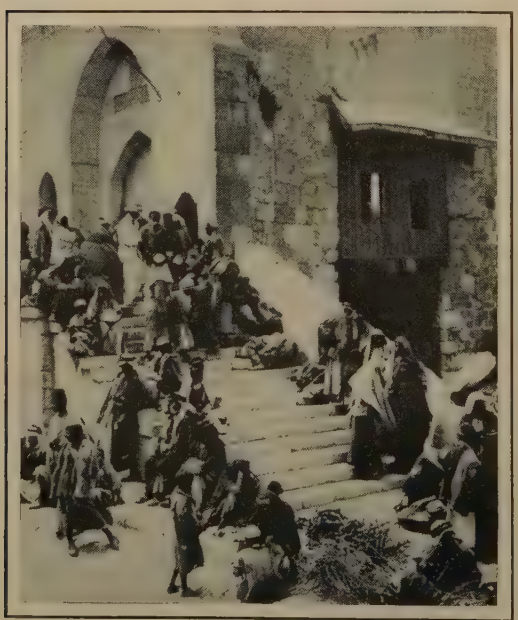
It is difficult to estimate the actual cost of repatriating and reestablishing these people and of supplying their immediate needs for food and clothing until they can be reestablished and put upon a self-supporting basis. We submit the following, however, as the lowest possible estimate based upon the most accurate obtainable facts.

2,900,000 needy and accessible people of whom a large proportion will be dependent upon aid from without for six months at least. We estimate $5.00 per capita for the six months as the lowest figure possible, making a total of.....	$145,000,000
1,770,000 exiles and refugees to be repatriated, some of them to be carried a thousand miles to their homes. Giving an average of 400 miles per person, estimated cost $3.00 per capita	5,310,000
400,000 orphans included among the above refugees to be provided with orphan homes at their des-	

tinations. Estimated cost $10.00 per capita for the creation of the home	4,000,000
Seeds for sewing, farm tractors, implements and tools, cattle, sheep, motor trucks, autos, etc., to set up these people after the return upon land with facilities for cultivation	2,500,000
Providing of houses for 1,770,000 returning refugees which so far as reports show have been largely destroyed or rendered uninhabitable without extensive repair, estimate that 50,000 houses will be required at a cost of average of $50.00 each.....	2,500,000
Clothing for at least 2,900,000 needy including the orphan children, and bedding of which they are mostly destitute at an average of $.00 per person	8,000,000
Total required to cover period of six months	$36,810,000

It is probable that the above estimates are much below the actual requirements. We have done our best to reduce the estimate to the irreducible minimum. The Commission to be sent abroad will make an early survey of the entire country as soon as possible and it is expected that there will be a call for at least twice this amount before the work is completed. No special item has been inserted in the above estimate for the medical care of these people in a country where typhoid, dysentery, typhus and cholera have been widely prevalent. The Commission contemplates taking out at least 10 physicians and nurses and medical supplies to meet these needs as far as possible.

A STARVING KURDISH WOMAN



DAVID'S TOWER, JERUSALEM
Refugees being examined by Mr. Beaumont, relief commissioner.

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Ninety lepers in India asked that money, which was intended as a Christmas present to them, be given to the Red Cross or Y. M. C. A.

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The Christian Guardian, of Toronto, puts the matter of our relations with Germany succinctly and forcibly thus: "We do not seek revenge, but we do insist that our foe's crimes against humanity must be punished in such a way as to mark mankind's utter abhorrence of Germany's way of making war."

Armenia

By George E. Woodbury

O FAIR Lord Christ, when yet thy face was young
In heaven, and thy witnesses were few,
Humble thy kingdom here, nor yet grace drew
Emperors to thy breast where Lazarus clung,—
When round a dying world thy arms were flung,—
Armenia first unto thy mercies flew,
To the pure gospel through all ages true,
And Him, whose sorrows on the world's cross hung.

She, who beheld the glorious covenant,
When o'er the Flood, at the Creative Word,
Bright above Ararat sprang the bow in heaven,—
What to her agony will thy pity grant?
For unto her through faith in thee, O Lord,
The thorny crown in Christendom is given.

Bring, all ye nations, myrrh and frankincense,
As when, with gold and many an orient gem,
About the cradled child of Bethlehem
Like heaven the holy child of Bethlehem
Issued Salvation! Pour the providence
Of earthly kingdoms at the feet of them
Who would a world-wide flood of sorrow stem
And, Christ-like, feed the multitude immense.

Nor think Armenia only bears the Cross
Through deserts wild and up her mountain-chain;
But every nation climbs its Calvary,
And hath its consecration; earthly loss
Thousands on thousands find is heavenly gain;
So the world-soul renews humanity.

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President Wilson Says:

The American Committee for Relief in the Near East is appealing for a minimum of $30,000,000 with which to meet the most urgent needs of these people.

I, therefore, again call upon the people of the United States to make even more generous contributions than they have made heretofore to sustain through the winter months those who, through no fault of their own, have been left in a starving, shelterless condition, and to help reestablish these ancient and sorely oppressed people in their former homes on a self-supporting basis.

Greeks in Macedonia and Turkey

By Hon. George Russos

Minister of Greece to the United States

THE war which is now drawing to its close has been waged with the greatest savagery, but in the Orient it has outstripped the most vivid imagination.

Two peoples, whose history is but a succession of cruelties, undertook, under the leadership of Germany, the extermination of Hellenism.

Bulgarian Atrocities

The first, Bulgaria, occupies Thrace and has just evacuated Eastern Macedonia. It has left behind it nothing but ruins. A Red Cross delegation from Geneva which has just visited Eastern Macedonia, has addressed an appeal for aid to all charitable hearts. Entire villages have been burned. Masses of inhabitants are without shelter. The houses which have not been destroyed have been pillaged. Furniture, clothing, foodstuffs, all have been carried off. Not a single head of cattle has been left. "If the charity of the world does not come to their aid, to shelter, clothe and feed these populations, all those that still remain will soon be dead," says the report of the delegation.

Turkish Atrocities

Turkey provides us with a spectacle just as heart-rending.

The Greek populations of Turkish Thrace, of Asia Minor, have been dispersed. The young women and girls have been carried off into captivity in the harems. Children, torn from the arms of their mothers, have been compelled to embrace Islamism; others have been driven, naked, into the interior, dying of hunger, slowly exterminated. The property stolen from these people has been occupied by the Turks.

The savagery and brutality of the Bulgars and Turks, held in check by fear, no longer knew any limits when, encouraged by German victory, they believed in their impunity.

Sufferings of the Greeks

The Greece race for five centuries has undergone endless martyrdom. It has suffered all things, because it preferred death to the loss of its religion, its national consciousness. It has bought back its right to liberty by this long suffering. It has this right because, by its resistance, it has shown its vitality! It expects it, because it is sure that the sufferings that have been imposed upon it can never be renewed. The shame which Christendom has endured for five centuries can no longer be tolerated. The peoples of the Orient, Greeks, Armenians, Syrians, have a right to life. Their sacrifices, by which Christian civilization has been able to maintain itself in the Orient, demand their reward. Turkish domination, with its congeners, barbarity and death, must disappear completely. The American people, the civilized peoples of Europe, have promised it to them. They claim this promise, they await its realization; that is what has given them the strength necessary to enable them to endure their latest persecutions.

American Generosity

This liberty they will have. You will give it to them. But they will be poorer than Job; they will be as naked as worms. Their lands, which have remained uncultivated for lack of implements and beasts of burden and farm animals, will produce nothing to sustain them.

It is to you, Americans, whose charity is inexhaustible, who know what giving

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Turkish flag captured by the Anzacs during the Palestinian campaign

means, that all these peoples stretch out imploring hands. They know that you will not let them perish, and that you, who every day practise charity as our Saviour defined it, you will help them to live.

They have already contracted an immense debt of gratitude to you; thousands of lives have been saved by your money. You now are bringing liberty to them also. You will complete your benefactions by giving them the means of finding shelter, of being able to work, to produce, to civilize this Orient, the cradle of our civilization.

The Christianity of America will have the honor of regenerating the Orient, so sorely tried. The voices of the Apostles, who taught the Gospel in this privileged land; of all the martyrs of the Christian faith who are burned there, will mingle with ours to implore the blessing of the Most High upon America, land of goodness par excellence!

Bishop Henderson Says:

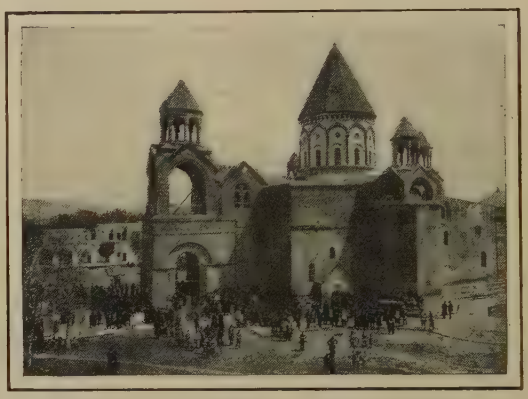
"As much for Christ as for the War"

Figure this out for yourself and give accordingly.

Not Sharing But Giving Their All

By William T. Ellis

AT the foot of Mt. Ararat cluster the Armenians, truly "the people of the Ararat." Nestling under its shoulder is Etchmiadzin, where Gregory the Illuminator received the vision that resulted in the conversion of the Armenian nation, far back in the year 303. On that spot is built the venerable church about which all the history of this ever-persecuted nation centers. There to this day is the seat of the Catholikos, or head of the Armenian Church, whom I had visited the day before I went to Kanakar.



ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL AT ETCHMADZIN
Seat of the Catholics of the Armenian Church

Kanakar was a "sample" village, where about fifty orphans were receiving relief from the American Committee. The place itself contains about three hundred mud houses, of the conventional one-story type. It is entirely agricultural, having no manufactures. Into two hundred and ten of these houses refugees who have made the long journey from devastated Armenia have been taken, to the total number of about one thousand persons, mostly women and children, of course.

If it had not been for the charity of the poor villagers to whom the smitten refugees have turned, the tale of Armenian dead would be nearly double its present total of a million. These people who in their poverty have shared their all are the really great givers toward this cause. No momentary impulse of generosity has led them to contribute what money they could spare; they have given of their homes, their fires, their food, their clothes, and have done so continuously. No honor roll of these givers is kept this side of the pearly gates.

The plan of orphan relief is simple. It is the rule of the Armenian Committee in Erivan to give no money to men or women, except the latter be seriously ill; work it does provide for a few adults by its wonderful industrial establishment. For one child out of a family of orphans, it provides a stipend of six roubles monthly, increased at the time of our visit to ten roubles, owing to the depreciation of the rouble, which is now worth less than ten cents.

Each case is investigated by men trained in the mission schools of the American Board, some having been ministers or professors back in Armenia. This relief work, I found, will stand the acid test of the Associated Charities or of the Rockefeller Foundation; for there is system in it all, down to the minutest detail. Nobody need fear that Armenian relief funds are either wasted or given to the undeserving.

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There was a time when the Province of Hunan, China, was famous for hostility to the foreigner and to Christianity. Today that province makes regular semi-annual payments of twenty-five thousand dollars to the Yale Mission in Changsha. This is an indication of the changed attitude in China.

A Fertile Land

By James L. Barton

SO much has been said in past years about famine in Turkey that the impression has been made that the country is non-productive. This is a great mistake. These periodical conditions of distress are due to the reprehensible policy of the Government and the antiquated methods of agriculture. With proper methods of cultivation and fresh seed for sowing and planting, Asia Minor, Anatolia, Armenia, Cilicia and the Caucasus will quickly become one of the most prolific food producing areas of the world.

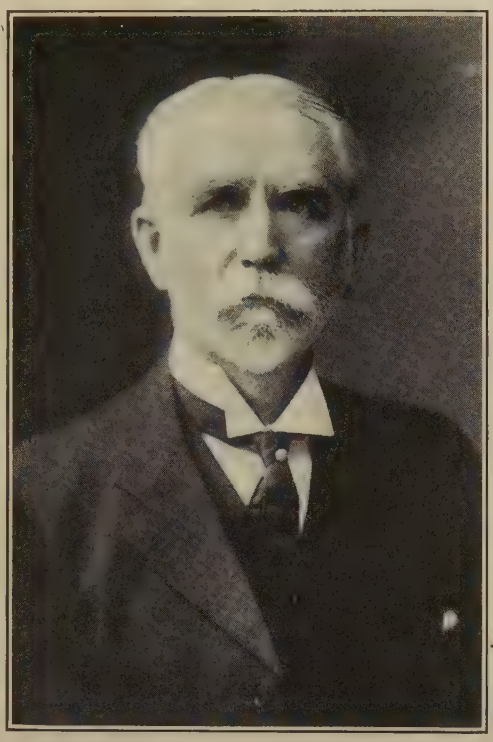
Wheat, barley, rice, millet, vegetables of all kinds and fruits of every variety known to the temperate zone, are produced in large quantities even with the primitive methods of cultivation. The country is also a producer of cotton, and in the north is a rich grazing country.

With modern improvement in farming there is no reason why this country should not, within a year, produce more food than will be necessary for the population, even after the vast number of Armenian and Greek refugees have been repatriated. The cotton possibilities are almost limitless.

These refugees are among the most industrious and resourceful people in the world and will quickly seize upon and improve every opportunity to become self-sustaining.

The relief Commission is taking to Turkey farm implements and trained agriculturists and improved seeds, with the assurance that within a year after the exiles return to the soil they will need no help from without. Only 400,000 orphans will require assistance to live until they too can become self-supporting.

Under a good government there is no reason why Turkey and Armenia should not quickly become one of the garden spots of the Near East, producing not only foodstuffs for Europe, but minerals for the world.



DR. JAMES L. BARTON

Who heads the Near East Commission

One of the chief objects of the relief commission of the American Committee is to get the refugees back upon the soil and make it possible for them to develop its resources and to become in the quickest and the shortest time possible wholly self-supporting. In the meantime, food supplies, clothing and medical care will be absolutely essential to sustain life The orphans must be looked after for years, but the adult population can soon be brought to a condition of self-support.

A list of the Commissioners, given on page 147, shows that every phase of the above work is represented by experts.

For Syria

By Elizabeth Kendrick Holt

OVER the sunny, foam-tipped waves
Come breezes sighing
Faint with the tiny, whimpering breath
Of children dying.

And dare we rest in careless, well fed ease
And grieve the Child of Christmas, born like these?

Over the somber, sullen waves
The winds are moaning
A-freight with helpless, hungry sounds,
And echoed groaning.

And can we hoard earth's fruitage, ours in trust,
While hands are reaching for a lacking crust?

Over the angry, crashing waves
The gales are raving,
Cannoned with roar of hideous strife
And trailed with craving.

And shall be over-top the sobs with songs
Nor bear the burdens, nor avenge the wrongs?

Now by the blue of heaven which laughs above us,
And by the clouds of heaven which drop in weeping;
By snows which guard the graves beyond the cloister
Where holy dead are dreamless in their sleeping;

By ocean's pearls and sunken gold
By vineyards laden;
By stalwart sons and hoary sires,
By plighted maiden;
By every thing the mind can grasp and prize,
Which tugs at heart-strings and delights the eyes;
By life itself and all that life can give,
Come! pledge we bread that starving lands may live!!

For can we rise, and eat, and toil and sleep
And still forget the souls beyond the deep?

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A Cablegram from Heaven

A Cablegram from Heaven reported by Dr. W. J. Schieffelin at the Chicago National Congress (1910), shows how a Calcutta merchant met a misfortune in his business. A secretary of a British missionary society called on the merchant to ask his help in the work. He drew a check for $250 and handed it to the visitor. At that moment a cablegram was brought in. He read it and looked troubled: "This cablegram," he said, "tells me that one of my ships has been wrecked and the cargo lost. It makes a very large difference in my affairs, I will have to write you another check." The secretary understood perfectly and handed back the check for $250. The check book was still open and the merchant wrote him another check and handed it over. He read it with amazement. It was a check for $1,000. He said, "Haven't you made a mistake?" "No," said the merchant, "I haven't made a mistake." And then with tears in his eyes, he said: "That cablegram was a message from my Father in Heaven. It read, 'Lay not up for yourself treasures upon earth.'"

Mohammedans Changing Front

By George E. White

STAND up all the men, women, and children in the world in one row, touch out every Mohammedan, and you would touch out one in seven of the whole number. In the Orient the religious bond is stronger than the political, the social, the racial, or any other. And a man's religious connection determines not only his theology, and his form of worship, but it fixes his educational standards, economic methods, social relations, political affiliations, and it directs his fighting impulse.

The Egyptians

Four outstanding Mohammedan peoples occupy contiguous territory, and have been for generations in close cooperation as a dominent world-power. Of this quartet, the Egyptians have settled down comfortably under British administration. Early in the war there was much doubt as to what would be done in Egypt. Permanent lines, however, have taken pretty definite shape. The people of Egypt are not anxious to be governed from Constantinople. Egypt is the leading Mohammedan country in Africa, and when the sons of the Nile are satisfied in their affiliations with Christianity there is no likelihood that other African Moslems will make serious trouble.

The Arabs

The Arabs have always been the thinking head of Islam, as the Turks might be called the sword-arm. For centuries the Arabs have followed the political and military leadership of the aggressive Turks. When the Constantinople government proclaimed the Holy War the answer of the Arabs was to repudiate the Turks, eliminate Turkish governors and garrisons, and establish a kingdom of their own. Hassan Ibn Ali was proclaimed king in Mecca, aided and abetted by the British. There is no apparent prospect that the gulf that has opened between the Arab and the Turk will be closed. The greatest Moslem power has become a house divided against itself. Arabia occupies now about the relation to the British government that Cuba occupies to the United States. And Arabian authority is ever the supreme spiritual influence among Mohammedans.

The Persians

Persia has been ranked next to Turkey as a Moslem power, but the Persians are Shias, and not orthodox Sunni Moslems. Besides this line of cleavage, they have accounts of their own to settle, for the attitude of the Turks toward the Persians has habitually been one of bullying. Under the pressure of present war conditions the Persians are lining up in a wonderful way in friendly relations with America.

THE CITY OF BITLIS, NEAR LAKE VAN

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the university of Chicago, is now in Persia as the active head of the American Commission for Relief. In that connection the Persian Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, made a most astonishing utterance for the representative of a Mohammedan state speaking to Christian people, when he said: "I know the type of mind and spiritual powers of the men who compose this Commission that you Americans are sending to help us; they are exponents of the principles of Washington and Lincoln and Wilson. They are missionaries of American idealism and America's broad-minded principles. The people of Persia have learned to love the people of America. Help us develop our resources and organize our industries, and your philanthropy will bear fruit in the future, as well as save us in the present. We are deeply grateful for what you are doing." The Persians set the pace for great numbers of their co-religionists in Afghanistan and the border states of India, in addition to controlling their own great country. They have found out that they need help from America, somewhat as the people of Porto Rico and Panama a few years ago came to realize the same need.

The Turks

There remains Turkey. Its heterogeneous races are dominated by the Turks who are a minority of the people of the country, and the Turks are dominated by a small minority of their own number. The clique in control for the last ten years, Ambassador Morgenthau says, has been controlled by no more than forty men, who ran the country in the interest of Germany. The great bulk of the Turkish people, as well as those of the other races of the defunct Ottoman Empire respect and like the French, the British and the Americans far more than they ever did the Germans. They would rather see one of these powers, or a combination representing them all, exercising supervisory control at Constantinople. Even in war time, French was the second official language for all government business, and I have heard Turkish officials, discussing the progress of the war, declare what a real liking they all had for France. The Turks are a representative Moslem people for a great following which reaches back all the way to Turkestan in Central Asia.

The Future

These four Mohammedan countries are, each of them, far larger than either Germany or Austria-Hungary. In the aggregate, they are about ten times the size of either of the two Central Powers. These Moslem countries occupy a favored land; their climate is good; their natural resources are of unsurpassed value, at least in great sections of the whole; their salt-water frontage and the natural relations with the civilized world leaves little to be desired. The Mohammedan world is growing weary of itself, conscious of its own inability, desirous of cooperation from the Christian Powers and people. Democracy means fraternity, and true fraternity is based on the Fatherhood of one God who is over all. One part of making the world safe for democracy is taking shape behind the smoke and fog of war in the broad Mohammedan lands of the Orient. The spirit of mutual friendship is forming in spite of, perhaps because of, the war. This does not mean that assistance from the Occident to the Orient is almost done; it means that a fair opportunity for rendering this assistance is just at hand.

Word and Deed

When Demosthenes, the greatest of Greek orators, pronounced his orations against Philip of Macedon, his hearers did **not** say: "What a splendid oration." What they **did** say was: "Let us go and fight Philip"!

When you hear the story of Near East tragedy do **not** say: "What a terrible story"! Resolve to do your share to stop the tragedy. Give all you can to save the starving millions of the Bible Lands.

The Armenian Children

By Florence Crannell Means

MY child sets white teeth in the
golden-buttered bread,
Swallows three dainty, scalloped
mouthfuls; shakes her head.
And I—I cannot throw away that little
crust, because I see
Their wee, lean fingers clutching after it,
their eyes imploring me.

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The Near East Commissioners

THE American Commission which will go to the Near East to prepare for relief work which the United States is to do in that part of the world, will comprise the following members: The Rev. Dr. James L. Barton, corresponding secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, is to be chairman. The other members are Prof. Edward C. Moore of Harvard, Dr. W. W. Peet, John H. W. Main, president of Grinnell College, Harold A. Hatch, Justice Victor Dowling and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

VARTAN, AN ARMENIAN BOY
Now happily in America

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Good Wishes

Theodore Roosevelt says: "With all my heart I wish you Godspeed in the work of relief you have undertaken in Western Asia."

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William Howard Taft says: "You can be sure that the money, whatever is given, will be properly administered for a people that need it sorely."

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Robert Lansing says: "I am very glad to give my hearty endorsement to the work which the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief has been, and is doing in Western Asia. It has probably been the largest single factor in keeping alive many thousands of deported women and children of the subject races of Turkey, and its present program of relief and rehabilitation is worthy of the fullest possible support."

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Henry Morgenthau says: "In spite of the rupture of relations between the United States and Turkey the relief work was for-

tunately carried on most effectively through reliable agents among the Armenians, Greeks and Syrians. Thousands of lives have been and are still being saved by the efforts of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief."

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America is asked for $30,000,000 to sustain the lives of 3,950,000 Christians and Jews through the winter, and to secure their return to a new life free from religious and political persecution.

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Charles E. Hughes says: "Out of the horror and nightmare through which these people have passed comes the gratifying word that we can be of assistance, that our efforts will prove availing, and that we can share with them the bounty which we, as Americans, have enjoyed for years. The work done by this committee has been most unselfish and effective under conditions of great personal sacrifice. May America respond to their appeals."

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America entered the great war that the rights of small nations might never again be trampled upon. The noble little nations of the Near East have kept the faith and borne the burden of massacre which thousands of miles have kept from our homes.

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Victory has come. And now the brave and staunch pilgrims of the Near East in sight of the goal of freedom, ask for $3,000,000—your $5 and $10 and $50—to save them from the immediate dangers of starvation and death from disease.

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The war prohibition bill was enacted by Congress over the protests of the American Federation of Labor as expressed by Samuel Gompers and against other powerful political interests. It was championed by the temperance organizations, the churches, captains of industry and finance and the widespread moral sentiment of the American people.

EVERYONE GETS HELP HERE

Refugees, old and young, from Kafr-Malek, in the Tower of David, Jerusalem

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The Peruvian Congress recently passed a law prohibiting the consumption of all alcoholic drinks on Saturdays and Sundays throughout Peru. Already this law is producing the fruit which prohibitory laws have produced elsewhere.

Lest We Forget

The Church in the Wilderness That Was Faithful unto Death

By Rev. George T. Scott

ONE of the most stirring and significant incidents reported by the women missionaries who returned recently from service among the suffering Christians of the Turkish Empire, is the willing martyrdom of a congregation of deported Armenians in the desert east of the Jordan River.

The farther reaches southward of the tide of deportation from Asia Minor carried some of its human flotsam far down into the Syrian desert, eastward from Jerusalem. Here the cruel migration of one suffering group of Armenians ceased. Worn, diseased, bereft, starving, they organized a church and conducted Christian services. This fact would never have been known had not this congregation in its extremity sent a delegation to the Church in Jerusalem. There at the headquarters of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Mission arrived the delegates of the Church in the Wilderness, stating their mission in some such terms as these: "Our Armenian congregation in the desert east of the Jordan sends greetings to the Church in Jerusalem. We beg your advice as to what shall be our choice in the alternative which we have of denying our Christ by becoming Moslems or of starving to death. As the Church in Jerusalem decides, the Church in the Wilderness will do."

The missionaries in Jerusalem had neither funds nor food for relief, and after earnest prayer gave to the delegation to take back to the desert congregation this message: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." Back to their people the delegation took the message, and the Church in the Wilderness (probably the same wilderness where our Master met His temptation) remained "faithful unto death."

Needless to say, many of these faithful ones received the promised "crown of life" through martyrdom.

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WOMAN MISSIONARY IN TURKEY

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Of the $12,321,145.92 collected from September 30, 1918, by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, $12,371,145.92 was sent to the field. The increase of $50,000 over collections was interest accrued from daily balances.

The $30,000,000 will go *in full* to save the lives of individuals and of whole countries. The record of the Committee is unique in the history of war charities. It is 100 per cent. efficient.

THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE
Setting up exercises at a Syrian orphanage in Jerusalem conducted by the Relief Committee.
Photograph by Stephen Trowbridge.

Big Business

The **immediate** object of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East is: to **feed** four millions of starving men, women and children, 400,000 of them orphans.

The **ultimate** object of this relief work is: to **preserve** these peoples for the task of rehabilitating their own country when it is restored to them after the war.

These peoples have been the bankers, tradesmen, carriers, teachers and leaders of the East for centuries.

If this rich heritage of trade and commerce is to recuperate quickly now that peace has come **these peoples must be saved now.** They must be kept alive until the time when they can be rehabilitated in their former homes, and can reorganize and redirect their present ruined industrial life. The world's commerce depends upon the East as well as the West.

It is the part of **business wisdom** for America to save these millions; care for and educate the 400,000 orphans—the hope of the future—and to do it promptly and generously.

The Effect of the War on the Non-Christian World

WHEN the great European war began there came the question: "What will be its effect on the non-Christian world?"

In India, Mohammedans said: "Look at those Christians killing each other by thousands and all for nothing; they are a great deal worse than we Mohammedans." But now, a vast campaign of evangelism, so far-reaching in its extent that in the city of Lahore alone non-Christians were heard to exclaim again and again: "What has happened to the Christians? One cannot go anywhere without meeting some one talking about Christ."

In China, the fact that Christian nations possess national unity in a marked degree and that their peoples willingly make the greatest sacrifice, excited the admiration of the Chinese more than the spectacle of unbrotherly warfare has excited disgust.

In Africa with the confusion of the approaching armies and the retreating enemy, the missionary beheld the calm of those threatened with instant death if they would not consent to violate the law of God, dying in some instances for their faith, and then, after the restoration of order, beheld the tribes fairly yelling for the Gospel.

In the Near East, the ministrations of the missionaries have had vast influence on all the peoples and opened wide the doors for future progress.

In Japan the people have learned the great principles for which the Allies are fighting, and we may look forward to a new era of opportunity.

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PART OF THE PRICE

Portion of a British cemetery in Mesopotamia

National Stewardship

By Edwin M. Poteat

RENAN said that Jesus lost his temper when he came to the fig tree and, expecting figs to appease his hunger, found nothing but leaves. Said he, "Let there be no fruit from thee henceforward forever. And immediately the fig tree withered away" (Matt. 21:19). Certain it is that hungry men, as many wives can testify, are usually out of temper. But Renan has entirely missed the point of this acted parable. Our Lord did not lose his temper and vent his spite on a tree. We know him too well to believe him capable of such an outburst. No: he was giving a lesson of great national significance. This appears later in the same chapter when speaking to the leaders of the Jewish nation and using "fruit" as his figure of speech, he said "Therefore, the Kingdom of God shall be taken away from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matt. 21:43). It is the lesson of

National Stewardship

There can be no question that God commits certain capacities, gifts, principles, resources, to nations and charges them with a certain mission to the world. Horace Bushnell taught us that every man's life is a plan of God; and the fig-tree incident with our Lord's interpretation of it admonishes us that every nation has its special place and work in the purpose of God. (Compare Acts 17:26.)

The Jews

Look at the Jewish nation, for example. They are the "chosen people," appointed to the religious leadership of the world. Abraham was the father of the men of faith; and all the great religious ideas in circulation today are God's gift to mankind through the Jewish race. Here are some of these: God is One (Monotheism); He is moral ("Jehovah loveth righteousness and hateth iniquity"); He is a Redeemer. And this religious leadership the Jewish nation held till they rejected Jesus and his final revelation of the redeeming grace of God. Thereupon the fig tree withered to the roots, and it has borne no fruit to this hour. Jews have been leaders in other spheres—in philosophy, in music, in finance, in statecraft. But in religion the only contributions they have made have been made by men like Paul who saw in Jesus the fulfilment of God's purpose for his nation and for the world. It is a case of forfeited stewardship and rejection for the religious leadership of the world.

Greeks and Romans

Look at the classic nations, the Greeks and Romans. They too had their special gifts and their special mission in the life of the world. The special gifts of the Greeks lay in the fields of literature, philosophy, the fine arts. The single community of Athens produced in a comparatively brief period thirty men who have never been surpassed in eminence. They gave to the world a perfect language and they wrote in it masterpieces for all time; while in the plastic arts and architecture their achievements remain to this day supreme.

The special gifts of the Romans lay in the field of constructive social organization, of politics in the broad sense, and of law in the sense of jurisprudence. In a word, they organized a world-empire and bound it to the imperial city on the Tiber by a system of roads unmatched in all history till the advent of the steam locomotive.

The Triple Cord

Evidently God had a plan in the life of the Jews, Greeks, Romans; and looking back from our point of vantage we can read it clear and plain. For here is a great conjuncture in history—a Gospel, a Language, an Empire which adopted the principle of religious toleration. The Greeks furnished the vehicle, the Romans built the roads for the carrying through-

out the world of a Gospel which had been given through the Jews. And it may be argued, as Matthew Arnold did, that the Greeks and Romans were more faithful to their stewardship than the Jews, though in fairness it should be said that they had no such crucial and tragic test of their loyalty as was involved for the Jews in the disguise of flesh and blood their Messiah wore when he appeared among them.

America—Trustee of Democracy

There is a tremendous lesson here for the nations of today and particularly for the United States. Let me recall two familiar quotations. Gladstone said the United States afforded "a natural basis for the greatest continuous empire ever founded by man." Emerson said, "our whose history looks like a last effort of divine providence on behalf of humanity."

(a) Note our trusteeship of great political principles and ideals. Throughout history there has been but one political struggle, the struggle between Despotism and Democracy; and if you listen to the voice of the centuries rather than the voice of the decades and the years, you will see that Democracy has steadily gained. On this continent these two principles met on the heights of Abraham at Quebec, and John Fiske said that the victory of Wolfe over Montcalm was "the greatest turning point yet discernible in modern times." One would like to hear Fiske today as Tennyson said of Francis of Assissi: "Sweet St. Francis, would that he were here again!" Mr. Fiske would give us luminous interpretations of the great events transpiring before our eyes: The Republic of China (1911), the Balkan Wars, the Great War with the Russian Revolution, the fall of Turkey, the dismemberment of the Hapsburg Empire, the democratization of Germany, etc., etc. Words of Joseph Cook uttered thirty-five years ago sound now like prophecy. Speaking of the approaching debacle in Turkey he said: "The crescent is the crescent of a waning moon, and in the sky where it lingers like a ghost the sun is rising and God behind it."

Yes; Democracy has won through history and is winning today all around the globe. The last seats of privilege are trembling; our God is marching on.

More than any other people on earth, the United States is entrusted with the principle of Democracy, with preserving the balance of local self-government and federal union. In the civil war we had our baptism of blood and the government was put to awful hazard. But when the storm had passed a man of the people stood on the bloodiest field of them all and pledged the whole nation that government of the people, by the people and for the people should not perish from the earth. And, please God, it never shall.

A Free Church

(b) But note a still more precious treasure which is committed to our charge—a free Church is a free State. If it is important that the state be free it is more important that religion be free. If the principle of despotism has no place in government still less has it rights in the realm of the soul. And here especially our history looks like a last attempt of divine providence on behalf of humanity. Consider some dates. America was discovered in 1492. North America was settled in 1608 (Jamestown) and 1620 (Plymouth); that is not for a hundred years and more. Why was this? All one can say is that in the century intervening between 1492 and 1608-20 events of significance for the whole history of the race occurred—the Protestant Reformation (1517), and the destruction of the Spanish Armada (1588). God seems to have reserved the north temperate zone of the new world till after the Gospel was rediscovered by Luther and power of Philip II had been broken, and for a people who were driven out of England and France by defections in the countries toward Rome, which then stood and now stands for the principle of despotism in religion. Today the Romish hierarchy is trying to recapture by zeal and astuteness the country which was lost to the Pope in the 16th and 17th centuries by the providence of God.

Evangelical Christianity is held in trust for the world by the great free Christian bodies of the United States (and Europe) who oppose all priestly religions by their ardent faith in the priesthood of all believers, who carry no taint of salvation by works in their theology, and none of the toggery of Rome among

their old clothes, and whom none can suspect of leaning on the state for help in carrying on their work in the world.

Our Special Mission

(c) Surely to be made trustees of pure democracy and pure religion is enough. And it is enough to suggest a special mission for this nation. But we are also entrusted with a money-making capacity which taxes our arithmetic to compute, and with natural resources only beginning to be realized upon.

(d) The leadership acquired by President Wilson in the two years past justifies the hope that we are God's trustees of the ideal of world-peace. We furnish Europe the example of great states dwelling together in unity, and for a hundred years we have left a frontier of over 3,000 miles without a fort. It was an American President (Taft) who first proposed that **all** questions between nations be submitted to an international court of arbitral justice.

Democracy in Government, Democracy in Religion, Wealth, World-Peace: we are the chosen people to preserve these on behalf of and to share them with all mankind.

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News of the Movement

Drs. Zwemer and Poteat on Tour

THE men of the eight cities in New York and New Jersey who heard Drs. Zwemer and Poteat on their whirlwind trip during the first nine days of December are clamoring to have them return. Already the Chambers of Commerce in three cities have calls in for an early date in the future.

Dr. Brokaw vs. A Snowstorm

The campaign reached eight cities in all. In each of these a national convention had been held at some time. The outstanding events in each city were the ministers' conference during the day and the mass meeting at night. The latter were open to both sexes with a large number of men in attendance. The weather was not propitious. In Utica the first heavy snow-storm of the season met in competition with the Rev. Ralph W. Brokaw, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, a very old and dear friend of Dr. Zwemer, and Dr. Brokaw won out, with one of the largest and most influential audiences in the series. Mr. Thomas R. Proctor, the leading citizen of Utica, presided.

The ministers' conferences were easily the most worth while of all the events. They were real conferences marked by spirited passages between the leaders and the ministers.

A promising lead for the future was in the enthusiastic reception given Dr. Zwemer at the luncheons of the Rotary Club in Buffalo, and the Chambers of Commerce in Syracuse and Rochester. Fully 250 men in each of the two cities, Buffalo and Syracuse, and 400 in Rochester, amongst them the most influential business men, heard Dr. Zwemer's great message on the future of the Near East.

A Well-rounded Campaign

The program planned for each city was as follows:

1. A ministers' meeting in the morning;
2. Club luncheon at noon;
3. Reception and war supper for Laymen's Missionary committee-men; and
4. Mass meeting at night.

This was possible in full in only Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse. In addition to these, in Rochester both men spoke to the students at the seminary, and in Syracuse Dr. Zwemer spoke to a select group of students at the university and to the university club in the city. The demobilization of the Student Army Training Corps now in process rendered large meetings with the students impossible.

During the nine days Dr. Zwemer addressed 28 meetings and Dr. Poteat 22. It was not possible to visit the cities in order, owing to conflicting events, so considerable

zigzagging was involved, necessitating 1,200 miles of travel and sleeping in two different beds on two different nights, one on the sleeper and the other in the hotel.

The Proof of the Pudding

The depth of general interest in any meeting of this kind is determined by the amount of literature taken at the close. In one city over 50 subscriptions to MEN AND MISSIONS came in. 173 subscriptions in all were taken and 110 copies of "Money the Acid Test" were sold. A steady follow up effort will be made to introduce the study of "Money the Acid Test" in all the men's bible classes in each of the cities.

In only one of the cities, Buffalo, is there a local organization that can take care of such a series of meetings. There, the Church Federation, through the secretary, Rev. C. McLeod Smith, and the chairman, Mr. Maurince Preisch, rendered efficient service and did everything in their power to make the visit mean the utmost in advantage to the churches of the city. They advertised the meetings fully in advance and most carefully arranged all the details.

At about the time of the visit in both Rochester and Newark plans were on foot by the Federal Council of Churches' Commission on Inter-Church Federation to organize Church Federations in these two cities.

Relief for the Near East

In three cities, Buffalo, Paterson and Newark the meetings ministered to the success of the drive which will be launched on January 12th, to save the perishing Christian peoples in the Near East.

Abundant evidence was given during the progress of the meetings as to their value in the following particulars:

The ministers will take up a profounder and more philosophical study of property: its duties and rights, as set forth by Dr. Poteat. Numbers of business men have determined to administer their possessions and to order their lives more largely in the interest of the extension of the Kingdom of God throughout the world. At the close of the Schenectady meeting Dr. Zwemer on his way to the door was fairly bombarded with subscriptions of a hundred dollars each to a Missionary Hospital in Arabia. More generous contributions to missions and a deeper interest in the Mohammedan problem, will follow this tour.

During the Peace Conference a large and influential group of prayerful and thinking people will follow with the keenest possible interest the arrangements entered into concerning the future of the Near East. The positive expression in places was to the effect that Turkish rule should be abolished forever and that the Turkish government as such should cease to exist.

The challenge of "Billions for the Advance and Extension of the Missionary Enterprises of the Church throughout the Homeland and the Whole World" met with enthusiastic endorsement.

H. F. Laflamme.

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The Rising Tide

of the Near East tragedy is at its height now.

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of its hope is at its height now.

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of American generosity must be used to sweep these desperate peoples into the haven of refuge and prevent them from being destroyed and lost.

The Acid Test of Stewardship

Mission Boards Considering United Financial Campaign

THE Mission Boards of the Christian churches of North America are considering a plan to submit the claims of missions to the "acid test" of stewardship on a combined basis and on a scale commensurate with the needs and opportunities of reconstruction times ahead.

This was discussed quietly, prayerfully but enthusiastically during an all day conference held at 25 Madison Avenue, New York city, on December 17, 1918, attended by over 130 representatives of the home and foreign mission boards of North America and of affiliated interdenominational movements.

This weighty conference was called by Dr. James I. Vance, chairman of the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, who presided, and outlined the far-reaching proposal for a united campaign on behalf of the missionary and benevolent work of the evangelical churches of the whole North American continent.

After thorough discussion, in which the following missionary leaders took part, Dr. R. E. Speer of the Presbyterian Board; Dr. S. Earl Taylor of the Centenary Movement of Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. Wm. Hiram Foulkes of the Presbyterian New Era Movement; Dr. Fred P. Haggard of the National Committee of Northern Baptist Laymen; President J. Campbell White of the College of Wooster; Mr. Charles A. Rowland, Mrs. Wm. F. McDowell and others.

The following resolutions were passed:

Moved, that it be the sense of this meeting that there should be a united campaign in behalf of the missionary and benevolent work of the evangelical churches of North America as represented by their organized national boards or agencies and such affiliated interdenominational agencies as it may be found wise to include after further conference.

Moved, that the chair appoint a committee of fifteen, of which the chair shall be one, for the purpose of preparing a plan to be submitted to the Home Missions Council and the Foreign Missions Conference in January, 1919.

Moved, that this committee be requested to arrange if possible for a Joint Meeting of the Home Missions Council and Foreign Missions Conference and such other agencies as would naturally be involved when a plan as presented by this committee and as revised by the conferences may be submitted for final approval.

This proposal though tentative as yet marks an advance on the road to that practical unity which must mark the future policies of the Christian Church if it is to realize and exert its potential influence in the work of world-reconstruction on the basis of a genuinely Christianized democracy.

Our Debt to Syria

Syria which gave the world its Christ, its Bible and its religious literature, is bleeding to death; and the Syrians, the descendants of the Phœnicians, who disseminated the alphabet, and of the Arabs who in the Middle Ages were the only bearers of the torch of civilization, are threatened with extinction.

Ways That Win

Every Member Canvass

ACCORDING to Mr. Frank V. Stipp, of Loang, Philippine Islands, the Every Member Canvass is a success in the mission field. He writes:

"About sixty pesos were received in the regular Sunday morning offerings during the month of July, the first month following the Every Member Canvass. This is a gain of about one thousand per cent. and is not far under the offerings for a year under the old system. The church had the honor and pleasure of paying all the expenses during the month, including the pastor's salary. After a careful search, they have asked Adriano Guerrero, the pastor who served them before under the mission, to become their pastor at thirty-three dollars per month."

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An Unbounded Success

TRINITY Episcopal Church of Buffalo is one of the most influential parishes in the entire communion. Their recent adoption of the Every Member Canvass plan of church finance is an indication that another stronghold has been carried in securing adequate financial support of the enterprises of the church from its own members.

Referring to the recent canvass which was held on Sunday, November 24th, the Rev. Cameron J. Davis, rector, writes as follows:

"It was an unbounded success. The night of the canvass more than $10,000 in new money was reported. At the present time we have received more than 235 new pledges, an increase of more than 78 per cent., and our prospective total income from pledges has been increased from our estimated $10,200 to $24,400. We have not yet separated the pledges for benevolences from those for parish support, so cannot give the relative increase. We asked for a total increase of $14,000. At present it amounts to $14,200. I confess it has staggered me for I could not see where more than $2,000 increase was to come from. The by-products were all that we could desire. It has been a wonderful thing for the parish quite apart from the money aspect."

There were about 100 canvassers for a membership of 1,300.

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A Christmas Present

A LITTLE girl at Christmas had ten cents given her—ten bright new pennies.

"This," she said, laying aside one, "is for Jesus."

"But," said her mother, "you have already given one to Jesus."

"Yes," said the child, "but that belonged to Him; this is a present."—Ex.

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A Banker on Tithing

MR. William Price, president of the Diamond National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., a prominent Methodist layman, who is known as a generous giver, author of "My Partner and I," will speak in several churches as part of a campaign on stewardship promoted by the foreign missions committee of the presbytery.

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An Industrial Chemist Wanted

WANTED: Industrial chemist for the new department of chemistry of the Forman Christian College, Lahore, India. Needed by March, 1919. Appointment for 2 or 3 year term, with the hope and expectation that the appointee will enlist for life-service.

Apply to Dr. Stanley White, candidate secretary, Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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A Fine Record

The First Baptist Church, of Dallas, Texas, is reported to have given in the year $118,610 for all purposes, of which nearly $100,000 was for causes outside.

Missionary Movements

Dr. Wood's Visit to Japan

DR. WOOD, Foreign Secretary of the Episcopal Board of Missions, is now in the Philippines and will remain there until January 25th when he, with Bishop Graves of Shanghai, who is for the time being bishop-in-charge of the Philippines, will go on to China. The trip to Kyoto will be postponed until Bishop Tucker is able to leave the important work he is doing in Siberia.

In the month that Dr. Wood spent in Japan he visited nearly all of the missionary work that is being carried on in the District of Tokyo. He writes enthusiastically of the new St. Paul's College buildings which are practically complete and in constant use, accommodating about 80 resident and 170 day pupils. Another wing will have to be added to the academic building before more pupils can be enrolled. It is planned to erect the library and gymnasium in the near future.

JOHN WILSON WOOD
Foreign Secretary, Episcopal Board of Missions now touring the Far East

A little of what the Church has been doing in connection with the war is demonstrated at St. Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo, which has been temporarily turned over to the Red Cross. The director, Dr. Teusler, who last fall was appointed head of the Red Cross Commission to Siberia, has been sending to St. Luke's many Czechs most of whom have suffered severely from lack of suitable and immediate surgical attention. It is hoped that Dr. Teusler who is now at Omsk will soon be able to return to his duties in Tokyo.

Teachers for colleges, nurses and doctors for hospitals, clergymen and young women for evangelistic work are badly needed in Japan by the missions of the Episcopal church. Details can be had from Bishop Lloyd, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

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Home Missions Council

A JOINT annual meeting of the Home Missions Council and of the Council of Women for Home Missions will be held on January 14th, 15th, and 16th at Wallace Lodge, Yonkers, N. Y. The general topic for discussion will be: Home Missions and National Reconstruction. The list of special subjects follows:

War Production Communities, and What to do with Them; The Church in Industrial Communities; The Labor Situation and the Church; Plans of the Government for Reconstruction; The Home Field affected by the War; The Community Movement and the Development of Community Consciousness; Negro Migrations and their Effects Both South and North; The Migration of Mexicans; Rural Morale; Cooperation in States; A Typical National Survey and Program; Recruiting for the Ministry and Missionary Service.

Foreign Missions Conference

THE annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference will be held on January 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th at the Hotel Taft, New Haven, Conn.

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Missionary Education Movement

THE Missionary Education Movement will hold its annual meeting on January 13th.

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New Secretary of the A.M.A.

MR. John Ernest McAfee, for 12 years with the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, has been elected Secretary of the American Missionary Association, succeeding Dr. H. Paul Douglass, now on duty overseas. Mr. McAfee is a member of the Home Missions Council and of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Education Movement. He is a graduate of Park College, Missouri, and of Auburn Theological Seminary but has not been ordained to the ministry. He is the author of "Missions Striking Home," "World Missions from the Home Base," and "Religion and the New American Democracy."

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More Work for Mr. Speers

MR. James M. Speers, chairman of the executive committee of the L. M. M., who has also been identified with many of the religious movements of our time, has been appointed by Dr. Frank Mason North, president of the Federal Council, as chairman of its Commission on Evangelism. Mr. Speers has signified his willingness to serve on this Commission.

Hearty congratulations are due Mr. Speers and his gallant son, Chaplain Thomas G. Speers, of the 102nd Infantry. The chaplain has just received the D.S.C. for great heroism and for rescuing a wounded brother officer under terrific fire. Mr. Speers has five sons in the army. Four were at the front when the armistice was signed—Theodore, a corporal in the 11th Field Artillery; Wallace, a wagoner with the 102d Ammunition Train; James M., Jr., with the Intelligence Section of the 312th Infantry, and the Chaplain—a fine record of devotion to the great cause.

JOHN ERNEST M'AFEE

Corresponding Secretary American Missionary Association

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Repatriation in the Near East

THE work of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East is one not only of relief but of reconstruction. The budget includes seed for next year's crops, farm implements, cattle and sheep. The refugees are freed from their oppressors but shorn of homes and property. America's part is to set them on their own feet.

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Bishop Lawrence At It Again!

The *Living Church* publishes a letter from Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts announcing that the Episcopal churches will be asked to contribute one million dollars to the work of the Church War Commission early in February. The Bishop says the work is supplementary to that of the Y. M. C. A. and other organizations and cannot be done by them.

Missiongrams

The London Times says: "We owe it to our missionaries that the whole region of South Africa has been opened up."

Dr. Hopkyn Rees of Peking asked a high Chinese official: "When did this revolution begin?" The answer was: "It began the day that Robert Morrison landed in Canton."

Count OKuma of Japan says: "The origin of modern civilization is to be found in the teachings of the Sage of Judea, by whom alone a necessary modern dynamic is supplied. The Spirit of Jesus has made Japan what she is."

Fred B. Fisher is the executive secretary of the New York area for the Methodist Centenary. Dr. Fisher, a former secretary of the L. M. M., is an inspiring speaker, a trained executive and a great leader of men. No better appointment could have been made for this great task.

Dr. C. C. Drummond, of Harda, India, writes that the magistrate has asked him to enter the army as a commissioned medical officer. There seems to be great need for this kind of work in India.

One out of every 750 inhabitants in the world are lepers. There are 1,000 lepers in North America and 5,100 in Culion, Philippine Islands.

There are a number of lepers in Korea, who can each quote Scripture for one hour without intermission. There are enough of them in one colony to continue a meeting of Scripture quotations all day.

Two laymen canvassing for the Methodist Centenary with indifferent success, found unexpected reward at a modest farm house where one of the men assisted the housewife in the repair of a disabled tea kettle. An invitation to dinner was given and as an outcome of the conversation at the table the canvassers departed with a pledge of $1,000.

General Otani, the commander-in-chief of the Allied Army in Siberia, was, in his youth, a pupil of the Rev. Dr. William Elliot Griffisa, pioneer American educationist in Japan.

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Readers of MEN AND MISSIONS do not need to be informed of the work being done by the Fatherless Children of France, Incorporated, directed by such men as Frank A. Vanderlip and Dr. Van Dyke. Your own family, probably, has "adopted" its French Orphan (as the Duplex Envelope Company and its employees have adopted THEIR little group of nineteen). But are there not fifty people in your church or Sunday-school who, not able to support an orphan alone, would each gladly give a penny a day for a year to help support one? If not fifty, are there not some—at least ten? Then why not accept the Fatherless Children Envelopes we will send free, and give these people the opportunity to help?

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